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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Natural resource funding-large project threshold increase.

Sponsored by: Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of the government;
2 increasing the monetary threshold for which large projects
3 of the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust must
4 receive legislative approval; specifying applicability; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-15-102(a)(iii) and (vi) and
10 9-15-104(k) are amended to read:

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12 **9-15-102. Definitions.**

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1 (a) As used in this chapter:

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3 (iii) "Large project" means a project for which
4 the total of all grants sought or previously awarded under
5 this act equals or exceeds ~~two hundred thousand dollars~~
6 ~~(\$200,000.00)~~ four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00);

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8 (vi) "Small project" means a project for which
9 the total of all grants sought or previously awarded under
10 this act is less than ~~two hundred thousand dollars~~
11 ~~(\$200,000.00)~~ four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00);

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13 **9-15-104. Wildlife and natural resource trust account**
14 **board established; terms; meetings; duties.**

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16 (k) No funds shall initially be expended from the
17 income account for large projects except upon specific
18 legislative authorization. Following the initial
19 legislative authorization to expend funds for a large
20 project, the board may approve additional grants for that
21 large project not to exceed a total of an additional ~~one~~
22 ~~hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00)~~ two hundred thousand
23 dollars (\$200,000.00) and shall forward a notice of any

1 such additional grant to the select committee within thirty
2 (30) days of each approval. Subsequent legislative
3 authorization shall be required for any grant in excess of
4 the limits of this subsection.

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6 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to all project
7 applications the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource
8 trust board considers on and after the effective date of
9 this act.

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11 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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15 **STAFF COMMENT**

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17 Under current law, it is possible that the select committee
18 may not be authorized to sponsor this bill draft. Pursuant
19 to W.S. 28-8-104(e), only "management council, joint
20 interim committees of the legislature, the joint
21 appropriations committee, the management audit committee
22 and select committees explicitly authorized by statute or
23 joint rule or resolution of the legislature shall sponsor
24 and introduce legislation."

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26 This Committee is currently authorized by W.S. 28-11-401(b)
27 to "sponsor legislation to fund expenditures" from the
28 income account that the Board recommends. Therefore, if
29 this Committee wishes to advance this bill draft, an
30 individual legislator (or legislators, or all of the Select
31 Committee members) may have to sponsor it.

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4 (END)